

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Commissioner's Office

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education approve the request of the Brownington Central School to waive, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1071(a)(1), five student attendance days for the 2009-2010 school year?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education approve the request of the Brownington Central School to waive, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §1071(a)(1), five student attendance days for the 2009-2010 school year.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16. V.S.A. § 1071; SBE Rule 2300

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In correspondence received from the superintendent and principal for the Brownington Central School, the Board has been asked to consider waiving five student attendance days for the 2009-2010 school year. Beginning on June 7, a major construction and renovation project will begin at the school, allowing the school to educate its students through the eighth grade (currently seventh and eighth grade students attend schools in surrounding towns). The current school day for Brownington students is 8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., which exceeds the minimums as prescribed in SBE Rule 2312. It is the recommendation of the commissioner that this waiver request be approved, understanding that even with these five days, school will not be starting in Brownington until September 13, 2010. The school will therefore need to adjust its 2010-2011 calendar to accommodate that start date to meet the 175-day requirement

COST IMPLICATIONS:

It is estimated that the construction-related net savings to taxpayers after construction will be \$68,000 per year.

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